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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7-10, 12 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 6, 11, 13, and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. Applicant's arguments, see Applicant's remark, filed on 05/10/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-15 under 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the finality of rejection is withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made over Hayashida (U.S. Pub. No.: 2003/0027582) in view of Tashiro et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,975,836).

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1-3, 7-10, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashida (U.S. Pub. No.: 2003/0027582) in view of Tashiro et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,975,836, hereinafter, "Tashiro").**

**Regarding claim 1**, Hayashida teaches a method for displaying reception sensitivity on a display screen of a multi-functional mobile terminal with at least two communication functions, comprising the steps of (see figure 1, figure 6, GPS reception sensitivity is associated with GPS mode, CDMA reception sensitivity is associated with CDMA mode):

a) checking a reception sensitivity of a reception signal for a prescribed communication function among the communication functions (see figure 6, [0046-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a dual mode mobile for display the CDMA mode), and displaying a reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the reception sensitivity of the prescribed communication function on the display screen (see figure 6, [0064-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a CDMA mode); and

b) if an operation mode of a communication function other than the prescribed communication function is enabled (see figure 1, dual mode receiver, GPS mode is enabled), checking reception sensitivity of a reception signal for the communication function corresponding to the enabled operation mode (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]), and displaying a reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the reception sensitivity of the communication function corresponding to the enabled operation mode (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]), instead of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, not the sensitivity of CDMA mode, [0046-0051]).

It should be noticed that Hayashida fails to teach the reception sensitivity indicator corresponding to the enabled operation mode has a different form from the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function, on the display

screen. However, Tashiro teaches such features (see figure 5, display GPS sensitivity 104 and 103, display mobile sensitivity 106, they are showing as different form, col.7, ln.49-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Tashiro into view of Hayashida in order to show the user to recognize which function is currently supporting of the device.

**Regarding claim 2**, Hayashida further teaches if the enabled operation mode is terminated, returning to the step (a) of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function (see figure 1, figure 6, dual mode receiver, the user can select mode selection between CDMA and GPS and the sensitivity display will display on the screen corresponding to mode selection).

**Regarding claim 3**, Hayashida teaches a method for displaying reception sensitivity on a display screen of a multi-functional mobile terminal having a mobile communication function for establishing mobile communication over a mobile telecommunication network and a GPS (Global Positioning System) reception function for receiving a GPS signal from a GPS satellite (see figure 1, figure 6, GPS reception sensitivity is associated with GPS mode, CDMA reception sensitivity is associated with CDMA mode); comprising the steps of:

a) checking a reception sensitivity of a signal received from the mobile

telecommunication network (see figure 6, [0046-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a dual mode mobile for display the CDMA mode), and displaying a mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator for indicating a mobile communication reception sensitivity on the display screen (see figure 6, [0064-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a CDMA mode); and

b) if a GPS mode is enabled (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, [0046-0051]), checking a reception sensitivity of the GPS signal (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]), and displaying a GPS reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the GPS reception sensitivity on the display screen, instead of displaying the mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]).

It should be noticed that Hayashida fails to teach the GPS reception sensitivity indicator has a different form from the mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator, on the display screen. However, Tashiro teaches such features (see figure 5, display GPS sensitivity 104 and 103, display mobile sensitivity 106, they are showing as different form, col.7, ln.49-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Tashiro into view of Hayashida in order to show the user to recognize which function is currently supporting of the device.

**Regarding claim 7**, Hayashida teaches a method for displaying reception sensitivity on a display screen of a multi-functional mobile terminal with at least two communication functions, comprising the steps of (see figure 1, figure 6, GPS reception sensitivity is associated with GPS mode, CDMA reception sensitivity is associated with CDMA mode):

a) checking a reception sensitivity of a reception signal for a prescribed communication function among the communication functions (see figure 6, [0046-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a dual mode mobile for display the CDMA mode), and displaying a reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the reception sensitivity of the prescribed communication function on the display screen (see figure 6, [0064-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a CDMA mode); and

b) upon receiving a user request to change the reception sensitivity (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, [0046-0051]), checking a reception sensitivity of a reception signal for a communication function other than the prescribed communication function among the communication functions (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]), and displaying a reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the reception sensitivity of the other communication function, instead of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, not the sensitivity of CDMA mode, [0046-0051]).

It should be noticed that Hayashida fails to teach the reception sensitivity indicator corresponding to the enabled operation mode has a different form from the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function, on the display screen. However, Tashiro teaches such features (see figure 5, display GPS sensitivity 104 and 103, display mobile sensitivity 106, they are showing as different form, col.7, ln.49-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Tashiro into view of Hayashida in order to show the user to recognize which function is currently supporting.

**Regarding claim 10**, Hayashida teaches a method for displaying reception sensitivity on a display screen of a multi-functional mobile terminal having a mobile communication function for establishing mobile communication over a mobile telecommunication network and a GPS (Global Positioning System) reception function for receiving a GPS signal from a GPS satellite (see figure 1, figure 6, GPS reception sensitivity is associated with GPS mode, CDMA reception sensitivity is associated with CDMA mode), comprising the steps of:

a) checking a reception sensitivity of a signal received from the mobile telecommunication network (see figure 6, [0046-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a dual mode mobile for display the CDMA mode), and displaying a mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator for indicating a mobile



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communication reception sensitivity on the display screen (see figure 6, [0064-0051], displaying the checking reception sensitivity of a CDMA mode); and

b) upon receiving a user request to change the reception sensitivity indicator while displaying the mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, [0046-0051]), checking reception sensitivity of the GPS signal (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]), and displaying a GPS a reception sensitivity indicator for indicating the GPS reception sensitivity on the display screen, instead of displaying the mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator (see figures 6-7, the user want to use the GPS function, the mobile will display the GPS reception sensitivity on the display area 10, [0046-0051]).

It should be noticed that Hayashida fails to teach the GPS reception sensitivity indicator has a different form from the mobile communication reception sensitivity indicator, on the display screen. However, Tashiro teaches such features (see figure 5, display GPS sensitivity 104 and 103, display mobile sensitivity 106, they are showing as different form, col.7, ln.49-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Tashiro into view of Hayashida in order to show the user to recognize which function is currently supporting of the device.

**Regarding claim 8**, Hayashida further teaches returning to the step (a) of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function when a predetermined time has elapsed after the reception sensitivity indicator of the other communication function has been displayed (see [0046-0052], it will take a second when the user press the key to return to selecting the mode).

**Regarding claim 9**, Hayashida further teaches a user request to change the reception sensitivity indicator of the other communication function while displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the other communication function, returning to the step (a) of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function (see figure 1, figure 6, dual mode receiver, the user can select mode selection between CDMA and GPS and the sensitivity display will display on the screen corresponding to mode selection).

**Regarding claim 14**, Hayashida further teaches returning to the step (a) of displaying the reception sensitivity indicator of the prescribed communication function when a predetermined time has elapsed after the reception sensitivity indicator of the other communication function has been displayed (see [0046-0052], it will take a second when the user press the key to return to selecting the mode).

**4. Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayashida (U.S. Pub. No.: 2003/0027582) in view of Tashiro et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,975,836, hereinafter, "Tashiro") as applied to claims 3 and 10 above, and further in view of Lee (U.S. Patent No.: 6,434,484).**

**Regarding claims 5 and 12**, Hayashida and Tashiro, in combination, fails to teach the GPS reception sensitivity indicator displays a reception sensitivity level corresponding to a number of GPS satellites found by the GPS signal. However, Lee teaches such features (see figure 4).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Lee into view of Hayashida and Tashiro in order to show the user to recognize which satellite is currently supporting of the device.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 4, 6, 11, 13, and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### **Conclusion**

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

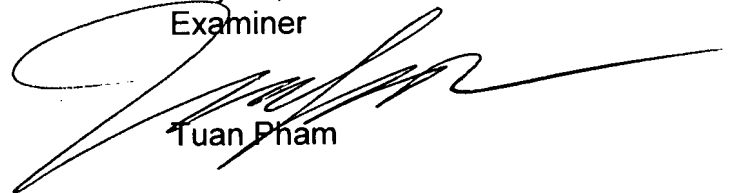
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone

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